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American Oversight
Mr. Austin Evers
1030 15th Street SW, Suite B255
Washington DC 20005

Dear Mr. Evers

We received your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated 01 November 2018. Your request was assigned USNORTHCOM FOIA case number 19-R-012. In the request letter, you asked for responsive records from August 1, 2017 through November 1, 2017 regarding:

All email communications (including emails, email attachments, calendar entries or invitations) between Commander of the Northern Command and individuals in the White House Office (including anyone with an email address ending in @who.eop.gov), concerning any of the following topics related to Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Maria, and/or Nate:

- a. Provision of mobile hospitals and other medical assets;
- b. Logistics challenges related to the USNS Comfort, including but not limited to docking delay and issues with helicopter landings; and
- c. Hurricane threat assessments, mitigation measures, emergency preparedness, or other contingency plans.

After performing a search of our systems of records we found no responsive records; however, you also asked for records describing the processing of the request, including records sufficient to identify search terms used and locations and custodians searched and any tracking sheets used to track the processing of the request. There are two responsive records to the processing of your request. Upon review of the responsive records, we have determined them to be fully releasable.

As a requester in the "All Others" fee category, you receive the first two hours of search time and 100 pages of records at no cost. In this case, there are no assessable fees for processing your request since we did not meet the 20-day statutory response guideline. If you have any further questions concerning your request, please do not hesitate to contact our FOIA Request Service Center at the above address.

If you are not satisfied with this action, you have the right to appeal to the appellate authority, Ms. Joo Chung, Director of Oversight and Compliance (ODCMO), Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD). The appellate address is: ODCMO Directorate for Oversight and Compliance, 4800 Mark Center Drive, ATTN: DPCLTD, FOIA Appeals, Mailbox #24, Alexandria, VA 22350-1700. As an alternative, you may use the OSD FOIA request portal to submit your appeal electronically at the following link: <http://pal.whs.mil/palMain.aspx> or email your appeal to OSD.FOIA-APPEAL@mail.mil. If you use email, please have the words "FOIA Appeal" in the subject of the email. Your appeal should cite our case number FY19-12DEC2018-NNC12, be postmarked within 90 days of the date of this response, and be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal" on the request. You also have the right to seek dispute resolution services from USNORTHCOM's FOIA Public Liaison, Mr. Jim Hogan at (571) 372-0462 or OSD.FOIALiaison@mail.mil. Additionally, you have the right to contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001; email at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at (202) 741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at (202) 741-5769.

Sincerely



RICHARD J. GALLANT
Major General, USA
Chief of Staff

Attachments:

1. DISA DEE Request, 12 Dec 18
2. Memo for Record, 13 Feb 19



UNITED STATES NORTHERN COMMAND

12 December 2018

HQ USNORTHCOM/CS (FOIA)
250 Vandenberg St., Suite B016
Peterson AFB CO 80914-3802

Defense Information Systems Agency
P.O. Box 549
Fort Mead MD 0755-0549

Dear Sir/Ma'am

We received the attached Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request from Mr. Austin R. Evers (American Oversight) for all email communications (including emails, email attachments, calendar entries or invitations) between Commander of the Northern Command and individuals in the White House Office (including anyone with an email address ending in @who.eop.gov), from August 1, 2017 through November 1, 2017, concerning any of the following topics related to Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Maria, and/or Nate:

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The Commander of USNORTHCOM during the requested timeframe was General Lori J. Robinson, USAF. Please conduct a search of target accounts, lori.j.robinson.mil@mail.mil and lori.j.robinson.mil@mail.smil.mil for the time period of 1 August 2017 through 1 November 2017 for all NIPR and SIPR emails sent to or from the White House Office, including anyone with an email address ending in @who.eop.gov, concerning any of the following topics related to Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Maria, and/or Nate:

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USNORTHCOM's assigned FOIA case number is 19-R-012.

I confirm that the target accounts are provisioned by USNORTHCOM.

The government Point of Contact to receive the results is Ms. Donna A. Crump, donna.a.crump.civ@mail.mil, 719-556-2117.

I acknowledge that the search results may contain information that is personal, privileged, or otherwise protected from release under a FOIA request.

USNORTHCOM agrees that it is solely responsible for withholding and redacting all documents produced by the search, including emails subjects, texts, and attachments, and obtaining USNORTHCOM legal approval for any release of information.

USNORTHCOM also agrees that it is solely responsible for contacting any other organization for clearance to release any information belonging to another organization which is produced by the search.

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Attachment:
FOIA Request R-19-012



UNITED STATES NORTHERN COMMAND

13 February 2019

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

FROM: N&NC/CSCA
250 Vandenberg St Suite B016
Peterson AFB CO 80914

SUBJECT: FOIA Request 19-R-012:

1. A thorough search of General Lori Robinson's NIPR and SIPR email files from August 1, 2017 through November 1, 2017 found no responsive documents pertaining to FOIA Case 19-R-012.

Recommendation: Full release of records describing the processing of the request.

2. Methodology used to perform search: Requested journaled emails using the Department of Defense Enterprise Email (DEE) from the Defense Information Systems Agency's using key search terms.

- Email Accounts Searched: NIPR and SIPR
- Key words used to perform search: @who.eop.gov; White House; Hurricane Harvey; Hurricane Irma, Hurricane Maria; Hurricane Nate
- Explain: With the military chain of command, it would be rare for the Commander to communicate over email directly with the White House.

3. Point of contact information for questions:

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